Cherished Memories
of

Arbra Ann Ezell

Sunrise:
April 17, 1947

Sunset:
October 23, 2008

Friday, October 31, 2008
11:00 a.m.

West Angeles Church of God in Christ
3045 Crenshaw Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA
Bishop Charles E. Blake Pastor - Officiating

In Loving Memory of Arbra Ezell

West Angeles Church of God In Christ, Friday, October 31, 2008, 11:00 a.m.
Officiant: Bishop Charles E. Blake

Order of Celebration

Viewing: ..... 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Processional of the Family and Ministers: ..... Vessels Choir
Conclusion of Viewing

Moderator: ..... Dr. Doris Sims

Invocation: ..... Evangelist Yvonne Gibson-Johnson

Scripture: ..... Evangelist Marva Hightower

Selection: ..... Kim Barton & Vessels Choir

Expression of Love: ..... West Angeles Church, Elder Willie Lee

Acknowledgements: ..... Evangelist Angelina Williams

Reflections: (2 minutes each) ..... Tribute to Arbra- Shirley Danzy
Pastor & Mrs. Leeman Smith of Welcome Christian Church
Remembering My Friend-Evelyn Scoggins

Selection: ..... Evangelist Mary Collier, Sister

Reflections (2 minutes each) ..... West Angeles Counseling Center
West Angeles Christian Ed. Dept.

Resolution: ..... West Angeles Church Evangelist Vernodean Lee

Remembering Arbra: ..... Dr. Mary Ellen Maddox

Selection: ..... Terry Steele, Nephew

The Message: ..... Bishop Charles E. Blake

Recessional:

Interment: ..... Elder David McNeal
West Angeles Church

Remembering Arbra

Arbra originated from Birmingham, Alabama, the seventh child in the line of her parents' progeny and the number four daughter to the late Pastor Frank and Beulah Ezell. Under their watchful eyes, she was saved in the Church of God in Christ (COGIC) at sixteen. She graduated from Fairfield Industrial High and attended Miles College where she received her Associates Degree. Though a daddy's girl, she left the protection of her parents' home and move to Los Angeles where her other siblings resided - little did she know that one day God would fine tune her autonomous nature and spirited ambition for His own divine purpose. She joined the membership of the Mt. Olive COGIC, and matured in the knowledge of Christ under the spiritual leadership of its founder, the late Bishop E. B. Steward and his successor, Supt. Joe C. Brewster. On March 31, 1971, she was baptized in the Holy Spirit at the age of 24 during a youth revival conducted by Evangelist Mammie Leonard. Illuminated by the Holy Spirit, her calling to the teaching ministry brought her life and purpose into sharp focus.

Eager to establish herself professionally, she was hired at TRW Space & Defense Systems as an Administrative Secretary in 1976. She joined the West Angeles COGIC under the pastorate of Bishop Charles. E. Blake where she has been a member for 20 years. God inspired her to return to school. She graduated cum laude in 1996 with a Bachelor in Behavioral Science and a minor in Sociology. Following God's direction, Arbra established and instructed the Relational Dynamics Adult Sunday School Class. She graduated cum laude in 1999 with a Masters Degree in Psychological Counseling with emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy.

She glorified God for the many accomplishments and challenges that He had used to develop her character. In 2002 she joined the faculty of the University of Phoenix in the School of Sociology and Behavioral Science. She retired from TRW in January 2003 as a Staff Assurance Engineer with the position titles of Configuration, and Project Data Manager on a multi-billion dollar defense program. She became the Counseling Center Director for the West Angeles COGIC in December 2003 where she was responsible for a staff of 50 until August 2006.

Striving to optimize all her potential, she obtained her State License as an Independent Life Agent in 2007, with an appointment to National Income Life as a Management and Sales Associate. She received various certificates which includes: Personal Development Coach Certification and Management Consultant Affiliation with Resource Associates Corporation, Business Management from California State University Dominguez Hills -1989 and Subcontract Data Management from TRW Space & Technology - 1998

Arbra has spoken in various churches, inter-denominational fellowships, seminars, and workshops sharing the relational aspects of the Gospel. She has helped many people receive healing and deliverance from emotional and relational scars to experience greater intimacy with God, congruence within themselves, and more fulfilling relationships with others.

On October 23, 2008 Arbra finished her earthly assignment and entered into her heavenly assignment where there is everlasting joy. Arbra will be fondly missed by her dear sisters Zenora Steele and Mary Collier; brothers Frank Ezell, Manual Ezell and William Ezell; sisters-in-laws EriKa Ezell and Marilyn Ezell; cousins; 4 nieces and 10 nephews and a host of great nieces and nephews along with many friends and acquaintances.

May the Lord grant you according to your hearts desire fulfill all your purpose and fulfill all your petitions. Psalms 20:4

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A Tribute from the Family

When I Get To Heaven

At last I reach my final home the gates swing open wide
I get a glimpse of glory I can't wait to get inside.

An angel beckons to me I hurry up to him
He opens up a golden book and lets me look within.

I see my name is written on the page that he turns to
He says you finally made it I've been waiting here for you.

He points in one direction and tells me "go that way"
so I start my tour of heaven the place I get to stay.

I see the many mansions and walk the streets of gold
and hear the angels praising God just like I had been told.

And then I spot my loved ones they've been here many years
we hug and kiss each other all smiles, there are no tears.

I look around for Jesus I know He'll soon appear I want to kneel and praise
Him He's the reason I am here.

He took upon Himself my sins He paid the price for me and by
His victory over death he finally set me free.

Free from all my worldly sins and the evil Satan sent
Jesus came into my heart because I did repent.

I'll finally get to thank Him when I bow before His throne
for all the times He carried me when I couldn't walk alone.

I'll dwell with Him in heaven with no sorrow, tears or pain
this was His promise to me when to this earth He came.

There are many mansions up here there's room for all of you
so to join us all in heaven I'll tell you what to do.

Accept Jesus as your Savior He will wash your sins away
He's waiting here to greet you when you join us here one day.

by Emily McAdams

Certificate of Appreciation

For Service As A Teacher Of God's Word

ARBRA EZELLE

Your gifts, ministry, and labor of love are deeply appreciated by the West Angeles Christian Education Department. We love you!

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Presented to you by your many friends and co-workers in recognition of your 25 years of knowledgeable and dedicated service to TRW and in appreciation of your friendship and spirit.

We all thank you and wish you the very best in your retirement.
You will be greatly missed.

December 2002

Aunt Ann

She was different, She was special, Unique in a thousand ways, She was giving,
She was loving, And we'll miss her all of our living days.
There are those who strive for praise; They yearn for whole applause,
There are some who chase sweet comfort as the one and only cause,
But she was different. She knew sorrow in great measure; she was stung by illness too.
But neither could defeat her; nothing her faith subdue.
The Lord has welcome her and His angels magnifying the beauty of that
celestial place devoid from pain and sadness.
Forgive us Lord for pinning, for wishing she were here.
It's so hard to give up someone we have loved so dear.
Because you see, she was different. She was special, unique in a thousand ways.
She was loving and she was giving, and we'll miss her, in all our days.
From your niece Dorliess

Sisters

God made us sisters,
Our hearts made us friends.
Love kept us bonded
Thru thick and thin.
Being family gives permanent ties,
For which we are grateful
To be in your life.
Though our paths may lead
Down Separate roads,
God gave us each other
To help with the load.
God had a plan,
As He always does.
We can't imagine
Our Lives without you.
Sisters are for keeps
And forever true.

From Your Big Sisters
Nora and Mary

Active Pallbearers

Myron Steele
Larry Edmonson
Nate DeVaughn
Thomas Ross
Alvin Jones
Dwight Watson

The West Angeles Deacons

Honorary Pallbearers

Mary Bibbs
Dr. Adrienne Wright
Cora Briggs
Jesse Moore
Annie Bryant
Kathlene Cade

West Angeles Counseling Center
West Angeles Christian Ed. Dept

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery
5835 West Slauson Blvd.
Culver City, CA

Acknowledgement

The family wishes to express their gratitude for every act of kindness shown during their time of loss.
May God Bless each of you.

- The Ezell and Steele Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
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